

SENATE BILL 1921

By Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29
and Title 39, relative to liability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following new section:

(a) A person or entity that commits a human trafficking offense, as defined in §
39-13-314, or knowingly benefits from participating in a venture that traffics another
person is liable to the person trafficked for damages arising from the trafficking of that
person by the person or entity.

(b) It is not a defense to liability under this section that a defendant has been
acquitted or has not been prosecuted or convicted under § 39-13-307, § 39-13-308, §
39-13-309, or § 39-13-512, or has been convicted of a different offense for the conduct
that is alleged to give rise to liability under this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and
applies to claims arising on or after that date.